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Suggested Books

The Circus Ship

by Chris Van Dusen

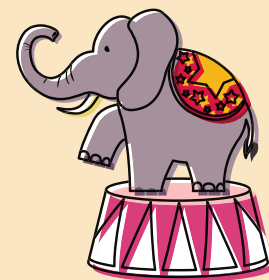


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About the book

“The Circus Ship” tells a story of how a town of people and fifteen circus animals were able to overcome initial differences (following a brave act by one animal) and work together in a mutually beneficial way. Thus, this book identifies concepts of cooperation and partnership.



Past studies on children’s ability to cooperate shows that they are sensitive to the behaviours of their social partners, and more likely to be collaborative when their social partner engages in similar actions (Huyder & Nilsen, 2012).

Sources

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